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**Labor Market Report  
May 2019**

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.5 percent in May. This was unchanged from April and up from 3.3 percent in May 2018.

“Kansas added 600 jobs in May with contributions from both the public and private sectors,” said Secretary Delia García. “Additionally, the previous month’s estimate for April was revised upward by 500 jobs. This puts the average monthly job growth over the last three months at 2,100.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 600 from April. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 100 from the previous month.

“Kansas gained jobs in May despite the above average rainfall that contributed to a slowdown in construction projects. Offsetting these losses were gains in state government and retail trade. Overall, job growth is picking up after a slow start to the year,” said Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink.

Since May 2018, Kansas gained 12,900 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#) and 10,300 private sector jobs.

**OVERVIEW**

		Over the Month	Over the Year
		<u>Current Level</u>	<u>Change</u>
Jobs*	Total Nonfarm	1,425,700	600
	Total Private Sector	1,165,800	100
	Total Government	259,900	500
Labor Force*	Labor Force	1,481,739	-1,786
	Participation Rate	66.6%	0.0
	Employed Individuals	1,430,453	-1,564
	Unemployed Individuals	51,286	-222
	Unemployment Rate	3.5%	0.0
Unemployment Insurance	Initial Claims	8,106	2,111
	Continued Claims	33,541	-6,113

\* Estimates are seasonally adjusted

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for April upward by 500 jobs, from 1,424,600 to 1,425,100. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 500 jobs, from 1,165,200 to 1,165,700.

Complete Kansas labor market information for May is available [here](#).

**HELPFUL LINKS** are located [here](#)

The June 2019 Labor Report will be released on Friday, July 19.

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*Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Delía García and Senior Labor Economist, Tyler Tenbrink are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.*

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